

# State Citizen Corps Council Newsletter

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## Calendar

Feb 10

Joint meeting with  
Region X Citizen Corp  
Coordinators & Idaho State  
Council

April 6-8

Region VIII & X  
CC Conference in SLC

June 26-27

EMI Sustain & Maintain  
CC /Cert in Maryland

CERT Conf Boise

June-July

National CC Conf in  
DC



An expanded [Neighborhood Watch Program \(NWP\)](#) incorporates terrorism awareness and education into its existing crime prevention mission and serves as a way to bring residents together to focus on disaster preparedness and training.



[Volunteers in Police Service \(VIPS\)](#) provides support for resource-constrained police departments by incorporating civilian volunteers so that law enforcement professionals have more time for frontline duty.



The [Community Emergency Response Team \(CERT\)](#) trains people in neighborhoods, the workplace, and schools in basic disaster response skills, such as fire suppression, urban search and rescue, and medical operations, and helps them take a more active role in emergency preparedness.



The [Medical Reserve Corps \(MRC\)](#) coordinates volunteer health professionals, as well as other citizens with an interest in health issues, to provide ongoing support for community public health needs and resources during large-scale emergencies, such as assisting emergency response teams, providing care to victims with less serious injuries, and removing other burdens that inhibit the effectiveness of physicians and nurses.

### **Public Service Announcements**

Citizen Corps needs to get the word out to as many people as possible in the quickest way. This needs to be an ongoing effort by all of us. There are so many media avenues available. We would like all of you to think of suggestions and ideas that you can share with us via email. Please email us any pictures of Citizen Corps or its partner program activities. We would like to be able to share with everyone in the newsletter what successes there have been.

### **More About POST**

By Doug Graves

For the past 33 years, Idaho Peace Officer Standards and Training has managed the multiple responsibilities of supplying year-round academies, certification standards, and professional training statewide.

Our mission is to provide peace officers who are ethical, physically and psychologically competent, well-educated, professionally trained, career motivated, and sensitive to the needs of the public.

With basic training as our primary responsibility, POST conducts basic academies in seven different specialties including: Police, Detention, Dispatch, Juvenile Detention, Juvenile Probation, Transition (from patrol to detention), and Reserves. Last year alone, 420 students attended the following academies: 89 Detention, 39 Dispatch, 52 Juvenile Detention, 24 Juvenile Probation, 179 Police, 10 Transition, 16 Reserves, and 12 were part of the Self-Sponsored Students program.

Upon graduation from academies, graduates attend rigorous Field Training programs within their respective agencies and apply for certification as Idaho law enforcement officers. Our staff certification specialist scrutinizes applications for adherence to codified standards. Completed applications go to the POST Council, a 15-member board of representatives from law enforcement and organizations within the law enforcement community, for approval. POST is also responsible for decertifying officers whose conduct does not meet Idaho's high standards. Last year, POST Council approved certification of 562 applicants in the following categories: 34 Communication Specialists, 142 Detention officers, 52 Juvenile Detention officers, 24

Juvenile Probation officers, 217 Patrol officers, and 93 new in-service training instructors.

Coordinating on-going training for law enforcement officers and related professions in Idaho communities is another main priority for POST. Regional training specialists contact every agency statewide, assisting with certification and promoting continuing education at little or no agency expense. Last fiscal year, POST coordinated 18,973 hours of in-service training provided for 18,319 officers and non-law enforcement personnel. A growing area of POST coordination covers grant-funded in-service training. POST provides administrative support to the Governor's Task Force on Children at Risk and administers grants to Idaho counties for MDT enhancement. POST also provides training to social workers, prosecutors, judges, and law enforcement officers specific to child abuse issues. POST provides each Basic Patrol Academy with 12 hours of child abuse training.

### **2004 Office of Domestic Preparedness (ODP) Grant**

In 2004, the Bureau of Homeland Security is expecting to receive an ODP grant in the amount of \$359,000 for a two-year period. The Bureau of Homeland Security is working on the strategic plan that is needed to apply for this grant. This plan is due mid-January. Once this plan is submitted to ODP, the money will be released to the state. 80% of the grant will be passed through to the counties for local programs.

### **Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)**

We now have ten registered VIPS statewide. This number is up from three that we had previously. This was accomplished by sending an email out to county emergency coordinators.

It was suggested that a letter be sent to the sheriff and police chiefs asking for information on volunteer groups within their departments in order to find the other groups that are already established. Each of the programs under Citizen Corps is expanding steadily within Idaho.

### **American Red Cross**

The American Red Cross Chapter office in Boise will be moving their office from Cole to the new 8<sup>th</sup> Street Marketplace at the end of December. Their phone number will stay the same. This is the office that deals in disaster and health services. The blood donor office on Franklin will stay in their current location.

### **CERT Update**

Statewide we now have about 600 CERT trained individuals. Counties are now able to present CERT training locally now that many individuals have had the CERT Train-the-Trainer throughout the state.

### **Idaho Citizen Corps Logo**

Many thanks go out to Rick Williams, Central Idaho Citizen Corps Coordinator. He created the logo that is being used on promotional materials published by Idaho Citizen Corps. Through much toil and many revisions he came up with a logo that symbolizes the cooperative efforts of Idaho citizens and first responders. This logo will be used in conjunction with the national logo to identify Idaho's Citizen Corps Councils and citizens.



### **Computer Tip**

By Charles Miller

#### **Control Your Keyboard In Excel**

The Control key teams up with other keys to give you quick movement:

\*Ctrl+End -- moves to the last cell in the used area of the worksheet.

\*Ctrl+Home -- moves to the upper-left corner of the worksheet.

\*Ctrl+PageUp -- moves to the preceding worksheet in the workbook.

\*Ctrl+PageDown -- moves to the next worksheet in the workbook.

\*Ctrl+RightArrow -- moves to the right-most region of data.

\*Ctrl+LeftArrow -- moves to the left-most region of data.

\*Ctrl+UpArrow -- moves to the top region of data.

\*Ctrl+DownArrow -- moves to the bottom region of data.

### **Holiday Press Release for CPSC**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is announcing its most recent holiday season recalls and providing consumers with important safety tips. Five recalls announced for the first time today are: Arctic Cat Snowmobiles, Holiday Collection Snow House, Snowman, and Snowflake Candle gift sets, Jack-In-the-Box, Flutterby Winged Horses plush toys, and Children's loungewear sold at Zutopia stores. Other products recalled in the two weeks since CPSC held its annual holiday recall round-up on November 25, 2003 are: Mica Tree Candleholders sold at Coldwater Creek stores, Snow Play Votive Candleholders sold by Home Interiors' direct sales associates, Cloth Santa Decoration Sold at Wal-Mart, and Bear Jack-In-the-Box-Type Toys.

"CPSC is aware of several new products that could potentially cause serious injury or death due to choking and fire hazards," said CPSC Chairman Hal Stratton. "During the holiday season consumers should double-check the gifts on their holiday list to make sure they aren't on our recall list."

In addition to the recall announcements, CPSC is issuing safety tips for holiday decorations. Holiday decorations like candles and Christmas trees add a joyous and festive mood to the holiday season. But when decorations such as these are not used properly, they can cause fires, injuries and death. CPSC is encouraging consumers to look for and eliminate these potential dangers from holiday decorations.

Each year, hospital emergency rooms treat about 12,800 people for injuries, such as falls, cuts and shocks, related to holiday lights, decorations and Christmas trees. In addition, there are more than 13,000 candle-related fires each year, resulting in 140 deaths, 1300 injuries and \$205 million in property loss annually. Christmas trees are involved in about 300 fires annually, resulting in 10 deaths, 30 injuries and an average of about \$10 million in property loss and damage.

CPSC continues to monitor holiday lights and other decorations at stores nationwide. Since 2002, the Commission, working with Bureau of Customs and Border Protection staff has prevented more than 250,000 units of holiday

light sets that contain defects that present fire risks from being distributed in the U.S.

"Candle lighting ceremonies during the holidays are beautiful traditions," said CPSC Chairman Stratton. "However, consumers should remember that unattended, lighted candles can bring tragedy to even the best holiday celebration. These simple safety tips will help prevent many of the holiday decoration-related fires that occur each year."

Fireplaces:

- Use care with "fire salts," which produce colored flames when thrown on wood fires. They contain heavy metals that can cause intense gastrointestinal irritation and vomiting if eaten. Keep them away from children.

- Do not burn wrapping papers in the fireplace. A flash fire may result as wrappings ignite suddenly and burn intensely.

### **U S Consumer Safety Commission** **December Recalls**

#### **1. Home Trends Ice Holiday Collection Candle gift set**

**Name of product** Home Trends Ice Holiday Collection Candle gift set: Snow House Candle gift set; Snowman Candle gift set; Snowflake Candle gift set

**Units:** 69,804 units of the Snow House Candle gift set; 29,064 units of the Snowman Candle gift set; 62,428 units of the Snowflake Candle gift set.

**Importer:** Wal-Mart, Bentonville, Ark.

**Manufacturer:** Qingdao Kingking Applied Chemistry Co., Ltd., China

**Hazard:** Paint on the exterior surface of the candles could potentially sustain flame posing a potential fire hazard.

**Incidents/Injuries:** No injuries or incidents have been reported to Wal-Mart.

**Description:** Each Home Trends Ice Holiday Collection Candle gift set contains three candles with one of these scenes painted on the exterior: Snow House Winter; Snowman; or Snowflake design.

**Sold at:** Wal-Mart stores nationwide sold these candle gift sets from September 2003 through November 2003 for about \$10.

**Manufactured in:** China

**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately stop using the product and return the candle gift set to Wal-Mart for a full refund.

**Consumer Contact:** Call Wal-Mart at (800) 925-6278 between 7 am and 9 pm CT Monday through Friday. Media Contact: Melissa Berryhill at (479) 273-4314.

#### **2. "Jack-In-the-Box" Type Toys**

**Name of product:** "Jack-In-the-Box" Type Toys

**Units:** 14,400

**Manufacturer/Importer:** Schylling Associates Inc. of Rowley Mass.

**Hazard:** The bead on the crank of the toy can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children.

**Incidents/Injuries:** None reported.

**Description:** Two designs of the "Jack-In-the-Box" type toys are included in this recall, both of which play "Pop Goes the Weasel" when the crank is turned. One is based on Dr. Seuss' Cat in the Hat, and the other is based on Ian Falconer's Olivia the pig character. The Cat in the Hat box is red, yellow and blue and has a black and white cat dressed in a red and white hat that pops out of the box. "CAT IN THE HAT" is written on the box lid. The Olivia box is black and salmon-colored with "CIRCUS" written around the top sides. The Olivia character dressed as clown pops out. Schylling Associates Inc. previously recalled a Bear "Jack-In-the-Box" type toy in November with the same hazard.

**Sold at:** Specialty stores, gift shops, department stores and book stores nationwide from June 2003 through November 2003 for about \$25.

**Manufactured in:** China

**Remedy:** Take these toys away from children immediately and contact the firm for information on receiving a refund or replacement toy.

**Consumer Contact:** Call Schylling Associates Inc. at (800) 767-8697 between 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at [www.schylling.com](http://www.schylling.com)

#### **3. Girl's Loungewear**

**Name of product** Zutopia" Girl's loungewear (15 different styles)

**Units:** 5,500

**Distributor/Retailer:** The Wet Seal Inc., of Foothill Ranch, Calif.

**Hazard:** The loungewear failed to meet federal flammability standards for children's sleepwear posing a risk of serious burn injuries to children. The standard requires sleepwear, including

loungewear, to be flame resistant and if the garment ignites, the flame must self-extinguish.

**Incidents/Injuries:** No injuries reported. This recall is being conducted to prevent the possibility of injury.

**Description:** The 15 different styles of loungewear involved in this recall are available in girl's sizes small through extra-large (equivalent to girl's sizes 7-14). The following items are involved in the recall and are labeled "Zutopia": b(Listed in order of Type, Description, Price, and R/N#)

3254 Two-piece, camisole and capri pant Blue with "Stick with me, my dreams come true" on the Camisole and on the Capri \$26.50.

3256 Two-piece, tank and capri pant set White and light blue with "Angel's Car-Hop" on the tank \$26.50.

S3258 Two-piece, camisole and short set White and navy with "Funky Monkey" on the camisole \$18.50.

3252 Two-piece, tank and capri pant set Red with "Chit-Chat Telephone Co." on the tank \$26.50.

3255 Two-piece, camisole and capri pant set Red and white with "Your Lips keep moving... but all I hear is 'Blah, Blah, Blah' " on the camisole and "Blah, Blah, Blah" on the capri pant \$26.50.

3261 Two-piece, camisole and short set White and pink with "DJ Scratchy Itchy" on the camisole and hearts and notes on the short \$18.50.

3262 Two-piece, camisole and capri pant set White and pink with "Sparky's Bowling & Rolling Rink..." on the camisole \$26.50.

3257 Two-piece, camisole and capri pant set Multi-colored set with "Cutie" on the camisole \$26.50.

3267 Capri pant Light blue with pink poodles and polka dots \$19.50.

33340722 Lounge pant Black or red with "It's All About Me. david & goliath" \$24.50.

33106182 Lounge pant White with "Chick's Rule, david & goliath" and a caricature of a chick screened on the pant \$24.50.

33340685 Lounge pant Blue with "Boys are Smelly, david & goliath" on the pant along with a caricature of a boy. \$24.50.

33105727 Lounge pant Pink with "Boys are stupid, throw rocks at them!" On the pant along with a caricature of a boy. \$24.50.

32771848 Capri pant Hawaiian print capri pant in blue and pastel colors with palm trees and flowers \$18.00.

32771893 Capri pant Hawaiian print capri pant in pink and pastel colors with palm trees and flowers \$18.00.

**Sold at:** Zutopia stores nationwide from January 2003 through October 2003 for between \$18 and \$26.50.

**Manufactured in:** U.S.

**Remedy:** Parents should stop their children from wearing this loungewear and return the item(s) to any Zutopia store for a full refund or exchange and receive \$10 in Zu Dollarz for a future purchase.

**Consumer Contact:** The Wet Seal at (866) 475-2255 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday. Consumers also can write to the company at 26972 Burbank, Foothill Ranch, CA 92610, attention: Zutopia Recall, or e-mail at recall@wetseal.com.

#### 4. Infinity and Lifestyle Spas

**Name of product:** Infinity and Lifestyle Spas

**Units:** 13,000

**Spa Manufacturer:** MAAX Spas, of Beamsville, Ontario, Canada

**Circulating Pump Motor Manufacturer:** A.O. Smith Electrical Products Co., of Tipp City, Ohio

**Motor Capacitor Manufacturer/Distributor:** Motor Capacitors Inc., of Chicago, Ill

**Hazard:** The motor capacitor, which is a component of the circulating pump, can overheat. This poses a fire hazard.

**Incidents/Injuries:** CPSC and MAAX Spas has received more than 100 reports of incidents of overheating of the motor capacitor. Twelve reports of overheating resulted in fires. No injuries or property damage, other than to the spa itself, have been reported.

**Description:** The recall involves Infinity and Lifestyle model spas manufactured by MAAX Spas. Only MAAX Spas equipped with a Motor Capacitor Inc. capacitor are included in this recall. Units that contain the capacitor have a label on the motor that reads, "Tiny Might." Various models of the spas are included in the recall. Contact the MAAX Spa Fulfillment Center to determine if your model is included in the recall.

**Sold at:** MAAX spa dealers sold these spas in the U.S. and Canada from January 1998 through December 2001 for between \$4,000 and \$8,000.

**Manufactured in:** The capacitors were manufactured in Taiwan. The motors and pump assemblies were manufactured in the United States. The spas were manufactured in Canada.

**Remedy:** Contact the MAAX Spa Fulfillment Center to arrange for installation of a free replacement pump motor capacitor.

**Consumer Contact:** Contact the MAAX Spa Fulfillment Center at (877) 259-0289 between 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.

## **5. Candleholders**

**Name of product:** Mica Tree Candleholders

**Units:** 800

**Manufacturer/Retailer:** Cape Craftsman, Wilmington, N.C. and Coldwater Creek, Sandpoint, Idaho

**Hazard:** Flames from the tealight candle can ignite the candleholder, posing a fire and burn hazard.

**Incidents/Injuries:** The company received one report of the rectangle-shaped candleholder igniting after a consumer lit the tealight candle. No injuries have been reported.

**Description:** The recalled copper and mica candleholders were sold in rectangular and square shapes. The 8.5-inch tall, square-shaped candleholder has a cut-out of an evergreen tree on each side. The 10-inch tall, rectangular-shaped candleholder has cut-outs of an evergreen tree, a star and moon on each side.

**Sold at:** Coldwater Creek stores nationwide from October 2003 through November 2003 for about \$20.

**Manufactured in:** China

**Remedy:** Consumers should contact the company to receive information on returning the product for a full refund, including postage. The company also will provide consumers a \$20 gift card upon return of the merchandise.

**Consumer Contact:** For more information, consumers should contact Customer Service toll-free at (800) 262-0040 between 6 a.m. and 3 a.m. ET or visit the firm's Web site at [www.coldwatercreek.com](http://www.coldwatercreek.com).